

## Adoption of Interim Plan

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**Requested Actions:** 1) Discuss and adopt the Interim Plan after making any needed changes to the Final Draft Interim Plan. 2) Appoint a committee to consider early actions for inclusion in the Interim Plan.

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### Summary

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) first discussed the Interim Plan at its April 2010 meeting, requesting a work schedule, a draft structure for an Interim Plan and ways to encourage public engagement. The Council set August 27, 2010 as the date for adoption of the Interim Plan.

This schedule allowed the public to comment on the following three (3) draft versions of the Interim Plan:

- May 2010: Preliminary Outline
- June 2010: First Draft Interim Plan with extensive background detail
- July 2010: Second Draft Interim Plan that focused on the process framework

The Final Draft Interim Plan, included as Attachment 1, addresses Council direction provided at its July 2010 meeting and incorporates public comments collected on the Second Draft Interim Plan through August 3, 2010. A redline version showing the changes made between the Second and Final Draft Interim Plan is included as Attachment 2. A matrix of public comments received on the Interim Plan is included as Attachment 3.

Revisions in the Final Draft Interim Plan included a suggested process for the Council to review early actions, as well as other proposals during preparation of the Delta Plan, a process to consider “best available science,” and an expanded discussion of a framework to develop a finance plan.

### Background

The Final Draft Interim Plan is similar in structure to the Second Draft, including discussions on the use of the Interim Plan, policies and procedures and an approach to the work plan for implementation of the Interim Plan, and tools to be considered for development of the Delta Plan. In response to comments from the Council and the public, the Final Draft Interim Plan also includes a review process for early actions and other proposals that could be considered during preparation of the Delta Plan, and a process to consider “best available science” for proposed actions.

The Interim Plan provides a framework for Council activities during preparation of the Delta Plan. As discussed in the Final Draft Interim Plan, the Council cannot take regulatory action under this framework. However, procedures and processes in the Final Draft Interim Plan would serve to structure the Council's work during development of the Delta Plan and could be carried forward into the Delta Plan. It is possible that during the development of the Delta Plan, additional information would be considered by the Council and amendments to the Interim Plan would be adopted, as necessary.

#### **Processes for Review of Early Actions**

Adoption of the Interim Plan will satisfy the statutory mandate in Section 85084, although specific recommendations for early actions, projects, and programs will occur through implementation of the Interim Plan. This Final Draft Interim Plan describes these processes to consider early actions, starting with those that meet certain criteria. Early actions would be considered in a public process by the Council, or by a committee of the Council, in September, October, and November 2010, as described in Attachment 4. Proponents of an early action would be asked to complete an application form to provide the information for staff review and consideration by the Council.

#### **List of Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Final Draft Interim Plan, Clean Version  
Attachment 2 – Final Draft Interim Plan, Redline Version  
Attachment 3 – Comment Tracking Matrix  
Attachment 4 – Proposed Approach for Early Action Reviews

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